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SUBJ: AMBASSADOR HENDERSON' S MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR YEFREMOV,
MARCH 15

UK MISSION HAS PROVIDED US WITH FOLLOWING ACCOUNT OF LUNCHTIME
MEETING BETWEEN AMBASSADORS HENDERSON AND YEFREMOV ON MARCH 15:

1. YEFREMOV WAS ACCOMPANIED BY BELETSKIY, RODIN, ROMANOVSKY
AND LOPUSHINSKY AS INTERPRETER (WITH WIVES, EXCEPT FOR MRS
BELETSKY AND MRS LOPUSHINSKY). YEFREMOV CLEARLY WISHED TO APPEAR
JOVIAL, AND MAINTAINED A LIGHT TOUCH EVEN WHEN DISCUSSING BERLIN
AFFAIRS. HE HAD ASKED FOR 30-40 MINUTES FOR THE LATTER BUT IN THE
EVENT DEVOTED HOUR AND A HALF OR SO TO THEM.

2. HE STARTED BY EMPHASIZING THAT BOTH HE AND HIS GOVERNMENT VAL-
UED QA AND QD VERY HIGHLY. THEY ATTACHED CONSIDERABLE SIGNIFICANCE
TO THEM. HE THOUGHT ANY DIFFICULTIES COULD BE SOLVED QUICKLY
BY DISCUSSION. AS FAR AS THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT WAS CONCERNED,
THERE WAS NO BACKGROUND DIFFICULTY OVER BERLIN. THIS HAD BEEN
SITUATION AT END OF QUADRIpartite NEGOTIATIONS AND IT HAD NOT
CHANGED. MAIN THING HE WISHED TO EMPHASIZE WAS THAT FORCE COULD
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3. SIR N HENDERSON ASKED HIM WHETHER THERE WERE ANY POINTS OF PARTICULAR DIFFICULTY FOR HIM. YEFREMOV CONSTANTLY REITERATED SOVIET GOVERNMENT' S ANXIETY THAT PROVISIONS OF QA SHOULD BE STRICTLY ADHERED TO, AND PRODUCED NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS RELATED EITHER DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY TO THIS THEME (SEE PARA 5 BELOW). MAIN BURDEN OF THESE WAS THAT FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WAS MAKING ATTEMPTS TO STRENGTHEN ITS POSITION IN WESTERN SECTORS IN CONTRAVENTION OF AGREEMENT. HOWEVER, IT BECAME CLEAR THAT HE WAS NOT AT ALL FAMILIAR WITH DETAILS OF AGREEMENT, AND HE GAVE IMPRESSION OF MAKING NUMBER OF POINTS PARTLY FOR FORM' S SAKE AND NOT ALWAYS WITH GREAT CONVICTION. IT SEEMED AS THOUGH BELETSKY AND HIS COLLEAGUES (ALL OF WHOM WERE TAKING COPIOUS NOTES) HAD BRIEFED HIM TO RAISE NUMBER OF DETAILED POINTS ABOUT WHICH HE MIGHT NOT CARE VERY STRONGLY, EXCEPT FOR GENERAL CONCEPT THAT FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WAS CONTRAVENING QA AND THAT IT WAS UP TO ALLIES TO PREVENT IT. HE SAID SPECIFICALLY AT ONE POINT THAT IT WAS NEITHER IN SOVIET NOR ALLIED INTEREST TO TRY TO DEPART FROM AGREEMENT, WHICH HAD BEEN WORKED OUT TO THEIR MUTUAL ADVANTAGE. NO WAS SOVIET GOVERNMENT GOING TO ALLOW ANYBODY ELSE TO TURN AGREEMENT TO THEIR ADVANTAGE.

5. FOLLOWING ARE DETAILED POINTS WHICH YEFREMOV RAISED AS REGARDS BERLIN:-

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REMOV' S STAFF AFTERWARDS THAT THEY HAD NOT FULLY HOISTED IN THIS POINT.)

II) THERE HAD BEEN SOME BUREAUCRATIC DELAYS OVER ESTABLISHMENT OF SOVIET CONSULATE- GENERAL AND COMMERCIAL OFFICES. (YEFREMOV DID NOT PURSUE THIS WHEN SIR N HENDERSON POINTED OUT THAT ONLY OUTSTANDING STEP WAS SOVIET PAYMENT FOR THEIR NEW BUILDINGS.)

III) AGGRESSIVE IDEOLOGICAL ATTACKS ON THE GDR WERE BEING CONDUCTED FROM WESTERN SECTORS. REVANCHISTS WERE APPARENTLY BEHIND THESE

AND HE UNDERSTOOD THAT THERE WERE 50 TO 60 ORGANISATIONS ACTIVE IN THIS FIELD. ALLIES SHOULD RESTORE ORDER TO SITUATION.

IV) ONE EXAMPLE OF WEST BERLIN PRESS DISTORTION HAD BEEN ATTACKS ON NEW GDR RULES REGARDING ACCREDITATION OF FOREIGN JOURNALISTS. THESE WERE PERFECTLY NORMAL AND COMPARABLE WITH THOSE IN MANY OTHER COUNTRIES. FORCES HOSTILE TO GOOD NEIGHBORLY RELATIONS IN AREA WERE BEHIND ATTACKS AND STEPS SHOULD BE TAKEN TO CONFINE THEM, OTHERWISE THEY MIGHT ACQUIRE A TASTE FOR POWER AND EVENTUALLY ACHIEVE IT.

V) THERE HAD BEEN VARIOUS ATTACKS ON S- BAHN. (HE WAS PRESUMABLY REFERRING EITHER TO ARREST OF REICHSBAHN POLICE LAST MONTH OR TO THREE CASES OF ATTEMPTS TO ROB BOOKING- OFFICES AT S- BAHN STATIONS IN JANUARY.)

VI) FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WAS STILL EXTENDING FEDERAL LEGISLATION TO WESTERN SECTORS IN BERLIN IN CONTRAVENTION OF QA.

VII) ORGANISATIONS FROM BONN WERE STILL MEETING IN WESTERN SECTORS.

VIII) FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN SEEKING VOTING RIGHTS IN BUNDESTAG FOR WEST BERLIN DEPUTIES EQUAL TO THOSE ENJOYED BY FEDERAL DEPUTIES. THIS WAS INSOLENCES OF HIGHEST ORDER AND VERY FAR-REACHING.

ALLIES HAD SAID THEY WERE NOT REACTING TO THIS BECAUSE THEY HAD HAD NO FORMAL PROPOSAL FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. BUT IT WAS OBVIOUS

HOW THIS KIND OF SUGGESTION AFFECTED MOOD OF PEOPLE.

IX) FEDERAL AUTHORITIES CONTINUED TO REFER TO BERLIN AS LAND OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC. IT WAS NOT LAND. QA SAID SO.

6. SIR N HENDERSON REPLIED APPROPRIATELY TO POINTS III TO VIII ABOVE. YEFREMOV CONTESTED HIS REPLIES IN ONLY GENERAL TERMS, AND SAID THAT FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WAS DECEIVING ALLIES ABOUT DEVELOPMENT OF FEDERAL/ WSB RELATIONS. HE DISPUTED SIR N HENDERSON' S REMARKS ABOUT REPRESENTATION OF WSB ABROAD.

7. AT VERY END SIR N HENDERSON SAID THAT HE HOPED THAT MEETING COULD BE REPEATED AGAIN BEFORE LONG. YEFREMOV AGREED. KLEIN

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